details. The matter is under investigation and it is likely to go to Court very soon, and I think, it is better that we refrain from going into details."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Were there any auditing of accounts and if so when was it audited and when it was brought to the notice of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was during the routine audit that the first shortage was brought to the notice of the Government. After that, we instituted a special audit for that purpose, wherein we found further shortages."

Industrial dispute in Commonwealth Tile Factory, Feroke

* 1827 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received a joint application through the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, on 19th January 1955 under section 10 (2) of the Industrial Disputes Act by the representatives of Commonwealth Tile Factory, Feroke, Malabar, and those of the Commonwealth Labour Union for referring the question of bonus for the year 1952–53, increase of 2 annas in dearness allowance and gratuity, for adjudication; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The dispute has been referred for adjudication."

Koothali estate

* 1828 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Hon. Minister for Agriculture discussed with the Collector the problem of leasing land in Koothali Estate during his recent visit to Malabar;

(b) whether Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, M.L.A., met him in connexion with the same problem and the Satyagraha that was going on there; and

(c) whether any undertaking regarding the leasing of lands in Koothali Estate and withdrawal of Satyagraha was given by him to Sri Krishna Ayyar, M.L.A., and if so, what it was?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) No."